

Appl. No. 10/649,454
Docket No.: H1799-00221
Reply to Office Action dated June 2, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, claims 1-29 stand subject to an Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121, as follows:

(1) I. Claims 1-24, drawn to a apparatus, classified in class 165, subclass 104.33;

II. Claims 25-29, drawn to a method of manufacturing, classified in class 29, subclass 890.038;

(2) claims 1-29 stand subject to an Election of Species under 35 USC 121, as follows:

Species I: an alleged species illustrated by Figures 2,3, and 4;

Species II: an alleged species illustrated by Figures 5-6; and

Species III: an alleged species illustrated by Figures 7 and 8.

Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on August 26, 2003, concurrent with the filing of application S/N 10/649,454. In that Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 was amended and claim 4 was cancelled. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the Preliminary Amendment and that claims 1-3, and 5-29, should have been the claims subject to the pending Official Action.

In response Items 1 and 2, Applicants elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-3, and 5-24. Applicants further elect the invention of alleged Species III, illustrated by Figs. 7-8. At least claims 1-3, and 5-24 read on the elected species. Claims 25-29 have been cancelled

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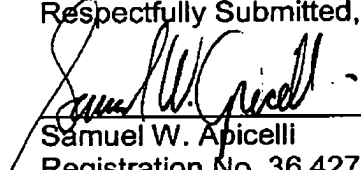
without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in related applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1-3, and 5-29 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is therefore requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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